

STEERING, LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

September 4, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jack Black
Commissioner Gary Farley
Commissioner Trey Gooch
Commissioner Jeff Jordan
Commissioner Allen McAdoo
Commissioner Steve Sandlin
Commissioner Adam Coggin, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Lisa Nolen
Truman Jones Howard Wall
Katherine Hudgens Joe Meshotto
Jake Robinson Glenn Taylor
Glenn Robinson Randy Allen
Phillip Griffin Ricky Marlin
Heather Dawbarn Laura Bohling
Gabriel Fancher Becky Shelton

Chairman Coggin presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner Sandlin, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

FILL CITIZEN-AT-LARGE VACANCY ON INSURANCE COMMITTEE OF UNEXPIRED TERM OF DONNA ANDREWS:

Chairman Coggin advised an application had been received from Ricky Marlin for appointment to the citizen-at-large vacancy on the Insurance Committee to fill the unexpired term of Donna Andrews which expires August, 2016. Mr. Marlin addressed the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner McAdoo moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to recommend appointment of Ricky Marlin to fill the unexpired term of Donna Andrews on the Insurance Committee to expire August, 2016. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

FILL TWO VACANCIES ON CODES ENFORCEMENT ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS BOARD:

Chairman Coggin advised an application had been received from Joe Meshotto for appointment to the Codes Enforcement Adjustments & Appeals Board. Mr. Meshotto addressed the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Farley, to recommend appointment of Joe Meshotto to the Codes Enforcement Adjustments & Appeals Board. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

ANNOUNCE VACANCY ON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

Chairman Coggin advised the position of Joe Meshotto on the Board of Zoning Appeals was expiring and accordingly being announced.

ANNOUNCE VACANCY ON BEER BOARD AND ALTERNATE VACANCY:

Chairman Coggin advised the position of Jerry Sartain and the alternate position of Sherrill Nelson on the Beer Board were expiring and accordingly being announced.

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Finance Director Lisa Nolen provided the Committee proposed language from the County Attorney amending Section 2 of the Resolution to Establish an Audit Committee on the make up of the Committee. As advised last month, David Nipper was appointed to the Audit Committee

as a citizen-at-large representative prior to being elected to the School Board. A question has arisen as to whether Mr. Nipper should remain on the Committee because of his election to the School Board as the School Board has a representative on the Committee.

Commissioner Farley advised the prior statement that Mr. Nipper would come off the Audit Committee was inaccurate and Mr. Nipper wanted to continue serving. Ms. Nolen suggested letting Mr. Nipper finish his term as the new cycle is when the new Commissioners come on in September, 2014 and there is only one more meeting of the Audit Committee before then. The prior wording of the Resolution is open to interpretation. Commissioner J. Jordan advised he had no objection to Mr. Nipper serving until his term is up.

Mayor Burgess advised the language could be approved and made effective at a later date. Commissioner Farley advised he did not feel the need to approve the language during Mr. Nipper's term. Commissioner Gooch advised his only concern was how any change would look to the public. Commissioner Farley advised he did not see it as being changed in mid-stream because the change will be on an effective date. Commissioner Sandlin advised he had talked with Mr. Nipper who advised he will be cooperative and go either way. Commissioner Black advised the Redistricting Committee had the same issue and that member came off the committee. Commissioner Black advised he had hoped Mr. Blair and Mr. Nipper could work this out.

Mayor Burgess advised all statements are right but the proposed changes make it clear what the intent was and that was for three citizen-at-large positions and this needs to be clear in the future.

Commissioner McAdoo ask why the School Board couldn't make a decision and Chairman Coggin advised they made their choice before Mr. Nipper was elected. Chairman Coggin advised the changes clarify the intent of the Commission as to the make up for future reference and this can be passed effective whenever but does not change the current situation. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Jordan, to approve the suggested changes in Section 2 of the Resolution to Establish an Audit Committee as to make up of the committee effective September 1, 2014. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mayor Burgess advised there is only one more Audit Committee meeting and he was not overly concerned about one more meeting which is to discuss any findings.

ANNOUNCE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEM AT SEPTEMBER COMMISSION MEETING:

Chairman Coggin advised the position of Chairman Pro Tem was being announced and would be elected at the September Commission meeting.

ANNOUNCE ELECTION OF CHAPLAIN AT SEPTEMBER COMMISSION MEETING:

Chairman Coggin advised the position of Chaplain was being announced and would be elected at the September Commission meeting.

ANNOUNCE CONFIRMATION OF COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AT SEPTEMBER COMMISSION MEETING:

Chairman Coggin advised the Commission Chairman would be confirmed at the September Commission meeting.

ELECTION OF 2013-14 STANDING COMMITTEES:

Chairman Coggin provided a proposal for Committee assignments for 2013-14 advising twenty Commissioners got their first

and second choices. Commissioner Farley advised Commissioner Gooch had requested Property Management Committee and not Public Works so he was offering to swap with Commissioner Gooch. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner Sandlin, to approve the 2013-14 Committee assignments as presented changing Commissioner Farley to the Public Works Committee and Commissioner Gooch to the Property Management Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

RESCHEDULE OCTOBER MEETING:

With no opposition, the October meeting will be held October 1, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. instead of October 7 due to Fall break.

APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER:

Chairman Coggin next advised Judges of the General Sessions Juvenile and Probate Courts of Rutherford County have requested appointment of Christina Lamparter as a judicial commissioner pursuant to the authority contained in Tennessee Public Acts of 1978, Chapter 933, for a term not to exceed four years and such term to conclude and terminate if and when the term is concluded or the service with Rutherford County is terminated. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner Farley, to recommend appointment of Christina Lamparter as judicial commissioner for a term not to exceed four years and such term to conclude and terminate if and when the term is concluded or the service with Rutherford County is terminated. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

DISCUSS COUNTY PRIMARY:

Commissioner J. Jordan advised he had no intention to make any motion at this meeting but may do so at the Commission to ask to have the vote rescinded to hold a County Primary because if a Primary happens it (1) adds eighty days to the campaign; (2) the expense of the candidate is unlimited; (3) the expense to the taxpayers is approximately \$107,000 and (4) he liked debate, discussion and diversity and you do not get that when one party is in charge.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Coggin declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

ADAM COGGIN, Chairman